decision has been taken to transfer Gas Authority of India Ltd.'s gas separation plant at Lakwa to RAPL. Bureau of Indstrial Costs and Prices is determining transfer price of Lakwa gas separation plant. RAPL has also recruited 65 technical personnels from the State of Assam who are undergoing training at Reliance Industries Ltd.

The project is estimated to cost Rs. 3600 crores and is expected to be commissioned in forty four months from the date of singing of gas supply agreement and handing over of entire land required for the project.

Evaluation of assets of Haldia Project

3380. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4458 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th May, 1997 and state:

(a) whether the asset evaluation made by PDIL was based on "assumption" that all the equipment and machinery shall be dismantled;

(b) whether in view of PDIL's assessment that majority of the equipments are operable, the asset valuation will be different on "as is where is" basis;

(c) if so, whether the evaluation is being re-done; and

(d) if not, the reasons therfor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A.K. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Re-evaluation of the assets of Haldia Fertilizer Project will be undertaken, when required.

नई उर्वरक नीति

3381. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकार दवे:**
श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला:

क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने नई उर्वरक नीति को लागू कर दिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके परिणाम क्या रहे हैं और क्या इस संबंध में किसानों तथा राज्यों की प्रतिक्रिया का कोई आंकलन किया गया है;

(ग) उक्त नीति के अन्तर्गत किन-किन बातों को शामिल किया गया है और क्या राष्ट्रीय खपत/उत्पादन की ओर कोई विशेष ध्यान दिया गया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० ए०के० पटेल): (क) नई उर्वरक नीति की घोषणा अभी तक नहीं की गई है।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Demand of Fertilisers for Coming Crop Seasons

3382. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS be pleased to state:

(a) the expected quantities of fertilisers which may be in demand in the coming crop seasons, State-wise

(b) whether the Ministry will be in position to meet these demands;

(c) whether there is a short supply of fertilisers in North-East region; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to bring it up to demand levels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (DR. A.K. PATEL): (a) and (b) Urea is the only fertiliser under price, distribution and movement control. The demand of urea for each croping season is assessed by the Government of India in Department of Agriculutre & Cooperation (DAC) in consultation with